



Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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\$42 Million Homeland Security Grant for First Responders

SEMA will administer \$42 Million Homeland Security First Responder Grant for Missouri. This grant is part of a \$2.2 Billion Grant for First Responders. Federal Guidelines state 80% of the funds must go to Local Governments. SEMA's strategy is to continue to enhance and expand current 28 Homeland Security Response Teams and to identify and establish new teams if local communities will support the teams.

Grant Breakdown:

\$32.2 Million for First Responders for planning, training, equipment & exercises and other costs associated with enhancing the capabilities of state and local response.

\$9.5 Million for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program – for enhanced capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting and preventing acts of terrorism. This will provide Law Enforcement communities with the funds to enhance their capabilities to share information, reduce vulnerability for high targets, recognize potential threats, enhance interoperability communications and assist in management and administration.

\$670,000 for Citizens Corps activities Missouri currently has 23 Citizen Corps Councils – CERT training will be tied to Citizens Council activities.

Distribution of the Homeland Security Grant

The FY2004 Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) is tied directly to the statewide assessment that was done over the past thirty days and the development of the State Homeland Security Strategy. All funding, state and local, must be in support of the goals and objective identified in this strategy.

The grant process will be in several stages. First, the state is required to submit the grant application by November 30, 2003, this will be done by SEMA, **and no action is required at the local level**. Second, the state is required to submit the Missouri Homeland Security Strategy to the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) by December 31, 2003, and ODP then has thirty days to review and approve/disapprove the strategy. Once approved the state has sixty (60) days to prepare an Initial Strategy Implementation Spending Plan. This will be the document detailing obligations, the primary activities and accomplishments anticipated, expected allocations by disciplines, and projected use of funds by solution areas such as training, equipment and exercises. We will keep you apprised of the grant process and any proposed application protocols through this newsletter and local EMD's.

St. Louis, Kansas City Among 50 Cities Receiving Homeland Security Grants for Urban Area Security Initiative

The Missouri Cities of St. Louis and Kansas City are among 50 major metropolitan cities receiving grants for the Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative totaling \$675 million dollars. The grants will help urban areas enhance their overall security and preparedness level to prevent, respond and recover from acts of terrorism.

The St. Louis area will receive \$10,785,053 in this Homeland Security grant. The money will assist first responders in the city of St. Louis, St. Louis County, contiguous counties and mutual aid partners.

The Kansas City area will receive \$13,295,646 in this Homeland Security grant. The money will assist first responders in Kansas City, Jackson County, contiguous counties and mutual aid partners.

SEMA Hires Special Assistants for State Homeland Security Grant Programs

Debbie Cheshire (Training and Exercise Programs), **Stephanie Bise** (Administrative Assistant), and **Denise Schaben** (Senior Office Support Assistant) are special assistants working with the SHSGP in Operations Branch. In December, **Dee Solindas** (Kansas City and St. Louis Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) support) and **Ricky Presberry** (Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), Critical Infrastructure Protection Program and UASI support) will join our staff.

Four Missouri Fire Departments Receive Grants

FEMA announced that four Missouri Fire Departments received Fire Grants in round 22 announcements. Those departments receiving grants for Fire Operations & Firefighter Safety were: Corsi VFD (\$30,600); Gainesville Fire/Rescue (\$79,176); Hazelwood FD (\$49,635); and Strafford FPD (\$82,044).

Missouri's Health Department Issues Health Alert on Nov. 7 Anthrax Incident

On November 7th, preliminary tests at the Navy Consolidated Mail Facility came back positive for anthrax. As a precaution the Postal service closed eleven Washington D.C. post offices were closed. You can read the Missouri Health Department's Health Alert for November 7 and 8 by going to DHSS's homepage: <http://www.dhss.state.mo.us/> then go to the Hot Topics box and click on the link to Emergency Response to read both documents.

Area Coordinator Meetings Scheduled

Area A: 10 a.m., December 17, at the Platte County Courthouse.

Area B: 6:30 p.m., December 9, at the Hannibal Inn in Hannibal.

Area C: To Be Determined

Area D: 10 a.m., January 14 in Carthage.

Area E: To Be Determined

Area F: To Be Determined

Area G: noon, December 3, at Hillbilly Junction in Willow Springs.

Area H: Tentatively set for December 9, location to be determined

Area I: To Be Determined

Masters Degree Offered in Homeland Defense and Security

The Department of Homeland Security, Office for Domestic Preparedness and the U.S. Department of the Navy's Naval Postgraduate School developed the Homeland Security Leadership Development (HSLD) program. The HSLD program will assist in the development of future leaders of Homeland Security (HLS) at the Federal, State and local levels.

Through graduate-level coursework and research, and executive seminars, these future leaders will gain the analytic skills and substantive expertise to prevent, deter, or respond to acts of terrorism. The 18-month HSLD program will also prepare them to bridge the gaps in interagency and civil-military cooperation, by bringing together a diverse group of emergency response professionals to share perspectives and lay the foundation for long term Homeland Security more information

The application may be found on the Homeland Security Leadership Development website at www.hsld.org.

Missouri's Homeland Security "Ready" Website Online

The Missouri Homeland Security education website is now online. Please take a look at <http://ready.missouri.gov>. Check the website often. Appropriate educational material will be linked to the website routinely.